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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/535,142	Applicant(s) MIZUTANI ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael Bernshteyn	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 5, 6 and 7 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 5, 6 and 7 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Ishii et al. (JP 08-194968).

Ishii discloses the protective coating agent for an optical disc which is produced by coating the memory part of the optical disc with a radiation curing resin composition. The composition of the protective coating agent for the optical disc contains more than one (meth) acrylate, i.e., monofunctional monomer or oligomer, in a molecule.
(abstract).

The curing resin composition contains the following components:

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- the **epoxy (meth)acrylate**, for example bisphenol A epoxy (meth)acrylate. The amount of the epoxy (meth)acrylate is desirable 5-70% by weight (page 3, [0016]);
- mono and polyfunctional acrylate monomers, such as tricyclodecane (meth)acrylate, dicyclopentadieneneoxyethyl (meth) acrylate, dicyclopentanyl (meth) acrylate, **dicyclopentanyl di (meth) acrylate**, **hydroxypivalic acid neopentyl glycol di (meth) acrylate**, etc.; monofunctional (meth) acrylate containing a hydroxyl group, such as **2-hydroxyethyl (meth) acrylate** , etc. The amount of mono and polyfunctional acrylate monomers is desirable 5-90% by weight and especially desirable 10-70% by weight. Two ore more (meth) acrylates can be mixed together depending on the class of radiation used (page 2, [0012]-[0014]);
- a photopolymerization initiators, such as **2,2-dimethoxy-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one**, 1-hydroxycyclohexyl phenyl ketone, 2-hydroxy-2methyl-1-phenylpropane-1-one, etc. The photopolymerization initiator may be used alone or in a mixture of two or more. The amount of the initiators is desirable 0.5-20% by weight (page 3, [0019]-[0020]).

Ishii clearly discloses the resin compositions in the examples 1-3 which do not contain urethane (meth) acrylate (page 4, [0025]-0027], table 1).

Therefore, all the limitations of the instant claims 1-4 are expressly met by Ishii.

Conclusion

Other references are considered pertinent to the Applicant disclosure but not cited in this office include U.S. Patents 4,525,258, 5,484,864, 5,568,466, 6,181,859, 6,277,929, 6,667,952, U.S. Patent Application Publications 2004/0010049, 2006/0008222, JP 2002-092961, 2002-114949, 2002-256228 and 2001-049198 are shown on the Notice of References Cited Form (PTO-892).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Bernshteyn whose telephone number is 571-272-2411. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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